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Eickel runs off to presidency

Elections over after extra week for run-offs

BY DOMINIC DESMOND
NEWS EDITOR

It's over — at least the campaigning and elections, that is. "I feel relieved," said junior and former presidential hopeful Ryan Powell. "It gets pretty tiring."

Both sophomore Brandon Eickel and Powell were given another week to campaign due to a draw during the March 30 election. Eickel, who garnered about 40 percent of the vote, slightly led Powell by only a few points up until this past Thursday. Eickel even predicted there would be a run-off.

"It was actually a blessing in disguise," Eickel said. "My eyes were opened to other concerns from campaigning an extra week."

The extra week did not come without its upsets.

Early Thursday, the Elections Commission issued Eickel's campaign a citation for posting campaign materials in an unsanctioned area. Eickel said it was due to a simple communication problem. At issue was a poster that hung in the reference area of the Carrier Library.

According to an Elections Commission statement, Eickel was found responsible for the illegal posting and was reprimanded by the commission. Eickel could not campaign before polls closed Thursday, which according to the statement was five hours.

Eickel's sanctions were, however, lessened later that day and stipulated that he not be allowed



LAUREN PACKARD director

to campaign on the commons.

Co-chair of the Elections Commission, Matt Winer, said there were some students who were upset about the reversal.

Powell said he's not bitter about the situation but can't help but feel bummed.

"I'm not going to appeal it," he said. "This could make people aware of the process."

Despite being reprimanded, Eickel carried the election.

"It's a big relief," said Eickel. "I can move forward with my platform."

"I want to be an accountable representative," Eickel said. "But with a small time frame of one year, there will be challenges in accomplishing points on my platform."

Both candidates believed campaigning was as taxing personally as it was financially.

"I missed some classes to meet with

students," Eickel said.

Powell worked since school resumed in January.

During his term, Eickel wants to propose campaign finance legislation that would allow candidates to make products like T-shirts and sell them to raise campaign funds. Currently, candidates must use family donations and personal money.

Getting the campus motivated was

another obstacle for both Powell and Eickel. Powell believes if people understood more about what SGA can do for students and the school in general, they would be more inclined to become involved. He urged the SGA to work on its appearance.

Junior music major Paul Forrester feels indifferent about the whole thing.

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Last year's Relay for Life raised more money per capita than any other relay in the United States.



RAISA ISON/staff photographer

Relay draws hundreds

BY KELLY CONNIF
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Community members and JMU students braved the cold on Saturday night to participate in Relay for Life.

Participants gathered at Bridgeforth Stadium to take part in a number of events designed to raise money for cancer. The evening was cold and foggy, but a large number of people still showed up to participate in the relay, listen to speakers and watch the ceremony.

"It was really cold, but people were really into it," sophomore Karol Mendoza said. "The whole experience is nothing if you compare it to being a cancer survivor."

Participants arrived, registered and set up tents for the long evening ahead. The opening ceremony began at 7 p.m., and cancer survivors took the first lap around the stadium. Other highlights of the ceremony included speeches from cancer survivors and a Luminaria ceremony where

lights were placed in paper bags in order to honor those who have been lost to cancer.

"My favorite part was the Luminaria [ceremony], because they turn off all of the lights in the stadium and all you can see is this glowing message," sophomore Ashley Gutshall said. "This year it spelled out 'JMU HOPE.' It was amazing."

Afterward, the relay itself began. "This year, we think that JMU raised over \$188,000," Mendoza said. "We beat what we made last year, which is incredible."

Although many students retired to their tents or homes before the end of the relay, many stayed until the end.

"I stayed up the whole night, but I had a really good time," Mendoza said. "People were dropping out near the end, but being there with others who have been affected by cancer bonds us together for one cause. It was a great feeling."

In order to keep spirits high, or-

ganizers produced games, multiple concerts and a Buffalo Wild Wings-sponsored wing-eating contest.

"The volunteers were great, especially because they fed us, and were really enthusiastic," Mendoza said.

Last year, JMU raised the most money per capita out of all the relays in the entire country. This year, 172 teams signed up, giving JMU the edge to beat what they raised last year.

Gutshall said that the experience was enlightening because it involves JMU banding together and branching out to the community.

Gutshall said the feeling in the stadium on Saturday night was awe-inspiring.

"Even though we live in this tight little JMU bubble, when it really matters is when we come together and branch out into the community," she said. "Relay for Life really reaches out to people because cancer is something that we all have to deal with at some point in time."

Sudanese refugees speak

BY MARY CZARSTY
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

It's not every day you hear a first-hand account of someone who has witnessed lions eating people on a daily basis.

"The life we have experienced begs to be forgotten, but it is alive with nights like this," Bul Dat said of his experience as a Sudanese refugee.

Wednesday night, the documentary "Lost Boys of Sudan" was shown in Transitions. The documentary followed the lives of Peter Dut and Santino Chuor who were among those forced to flee Sudan during the rebel uprising in the south that killed at least 2 million and displaced over 4 million people in the early 1990s.

Dut said, "The U.N. calls us lost boys because they found us without parents. We are going to the United States because we are the future of the Sudan."

In August of 2001, the boys left for the states to find work and an education to send money and support back to their remaining family and

friends. Upon arrival in Dallas, the boys were received by the members of the YMCA which helped the refugees by providing rent, spending money and help finding a job during their first few months here.

The boys in the documentary were unsure of their ages because they were not born in hospitals, but to the best of their knowledge they were 18 to 20 years old. Dut and Chuor took very different paths once they reached the United States. Dut left Dallas for Kansas to enroll in high school, where he entered as a junior. Chuor stayed in Dallas and worked the night shift at a plastics factory.

"People just look at me. I look so odd. Even the black people look at me differently; I am just so black," Dut said.

Santino said he anticipated an easier time in the United States. "When you come here, you make it alone," he said.

Peter also grappled with trying to fit in with his new classmates. Despite speaking four

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MACRoCk'd



AMY PATERSON/senior photographer

Gym Class Heroes performed Friday night at The Pub during this year's MACRoCk.

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POLICE LOG

BY ALICIA STETZER/SENIOR WRITER

Larceny

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A JMU student reported the theft of an unattended wallet containing a JAC Card, credit and debit cards, driver's license and cash from UREC April 3 between 9:45 and 10:15 p.m.

A JMU student reported the theft of an unattended LG9800 cell phone, valued at \$650, from the Mr. Chips area basketball court April 1 between 3 and 4 p.m.

A JMU student reported theft of clothing, CDs and cash from a secured locker at UREC April 4 between 9:45 a.m. and 10:25 p.m.

A JMU employee reported the theft of a weed-eater/blower-vac from the Convocation Center at an unknown time.

Property Damage

A JMU student reported a broken faucet in a study lounge sink, which sprayed water and caused approximately \$500 in damage April 6 at 2:44 a.m.

Drunk in Public

A non-student was charged with drunk in public at D-Lot April 4 at 1:42 a.m.

Number of drunk in public since Aug. 29: 71

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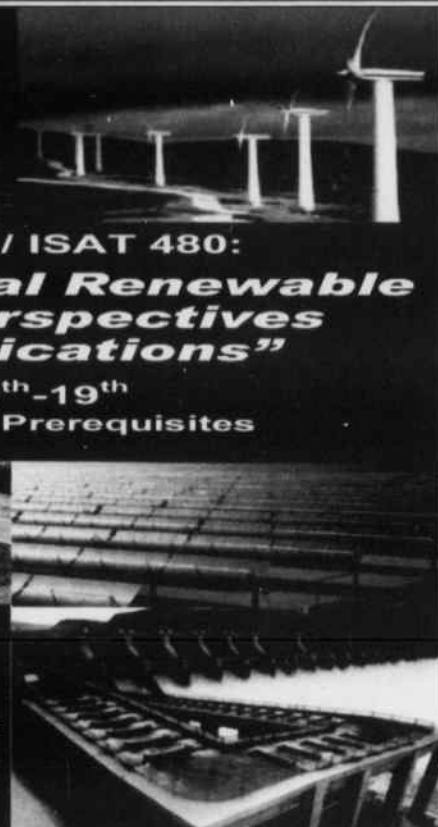
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A Holocaust survivor tells his tale

BY RACHANA DIXIT
NEWS EDITOR

Thursday evening, in his second appearance at JMU for Holocaust Remembrance Week, Holocaust survivor Alex Lebenstein made it clear that every survivor has his or her own story to tell.

"If a cat has nine lives, I must've had twenty," said Lebenstein, who survived Kristallnacht, or "Night of the Broken Glass," two ghettos, two concentration camps and four slave labor camps.

Lebenstein was born in 1927 in Haltern, a small town of 14,000 people in northwest Germany, and said no one believed in the 1930s that Hitler would come to power.

"He was a housepainter," Lebenstein said. However, he said, in the mid-to-late '30s, Hitler's influence on Germany was becoming increasingly apparent. In 1937, Hitler gave an order to forcibly remove all foreigners from the country.

"Anti-Semitism was taught for the past two thousand years," Lebenstein said. "The fundamentals [for Hitler's takeover] were already there."

Then, on Nov. 9, 1938, Kristallnacht went into full force across Germany, pillaging and destroying Jewish houses, neighborhoods and synagogues. Lebenstein was 11 years old.

"When you're eleven years old," he said, "You live a protected life. You can tell when something's wrong."

Lebenstein said he and his family kept thinking that maybe the Nazis would not come to their small town, since the wealthiest people lived in large cities.

But on Nov. 10 around 3 p.m., Lebenstein said, the noise came closer.

"They told us our synagogue was being burned," he said. Standing by his father, Lebenstein's hand held in his, he said he saw people his age pillaging Jewish houses.

"That was the first time I ever felt my father's hand perspire," Lebenstein said.

Within the next few minutes, Lebenstein's father was beaten, his army medals were crushed into pieces and their house was looted for valu-

able belongings.

"[Kristallnacht] has become my nightmare," Lebenstein said. "How could you ever forget, when you're eleven years old, and you go through that?"

After his family's house was destroyed, Lebenstein never returned home. In January 1942, he was transported from a ghetto to his first camp and was transported to different concentration camps and slave labor camps until his liberation. He said the thought of his mother being alive kept him going for all those years.

"I'll admit," Lebenstein said, "I was really a mama's boy." He was the youngest child out of four, his three older siblings all female.

Lebenstein was liberated by Russian troops in March 1945.

However, he said, "I don't remember being particularly joyful because I was too sick." He was battling his second bout of typhus at the time and was heavily infested with lice. Lebenstein said he stayed in the hospital with Russian doctors for a few weeks until he was cured of his ailments.

Eventually, Lebenstein ended up in the United States when one of his older sisters found him on the survivor list in the latter part of 1946. He said he was reluctant to go, though.

"In my childlike mind, I expected [my sisters] to do more to save us," he said. But at the persistent demands of his sister, he ended up fulfilling her request to come to the United States.

Since moving here, Lebenstein has been back to Germany three times. He goes to Germany in order to spread tolerance and educate students on the Holocaust, since many do not like to speak of the atrocities.

"Am I going to give up on these kids? No way," he said.

Lebenstein is set to go to Germany again this May, his fourth visit since 1995. He said he also hopes to continue speaking in the United States about his experiences.

"I prayed in the car coming up here today," Lebenstein said. "You know why? I don't know why I'm still alive."

After a moment of thought, he added with a smile, "Well, maybe for this."



EVIN SHOAP/senior photographer

Holocaust survivor Alex Lebenstein speaks about Kristallnacht during his Holocaust Remembrance Week presentation. He was only 11 years old when Hitler's Final Solution started in Germany.

Harrisonburg elections show sparse JMU turnout

BY COLLEEN PETTIE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A quick glance at the voter registration list indicates few JMU students are registered to vote in Harrisonburg elections.

SGA President Wesli Spencer (Sr.) explained that not being registered to vote is a trend among people in the age range of 18 to 24.

"In college you don't feel the direct effects of your vote," Spencer said. "Whereas when you're older, you have an income and a family and you can see the outcome of your vote."

Of all the Virginia schools, JMU has the second-highest voter registration among students, but not when it comes to registering locally. Spencer attributed this to a matter of convenience. For instance, if a student does not have a car, he or she cannot travel to the site where voting is held. Even if he or she has a car, they have to figure out where the site is and how to find it.

"It's easier to mail in a ballot," he said. "Over the four years, students see themselves as a transient population."

Senior Amanda Juhas, a resident of Northern Virginia, said that it is more convenient for her to vote using an absentee ballot rather than establish residency in Harrisonburg and vote there.

"I'm not going to go home to vote," Juhas said.

Katie Raich, a senior from Warrenton, said she is not registered to vote locally because she plans to leave Harrisonburg after she graduates.

"College is a time to develop one's identity, leadership skills and personal career goals," Raich said. "People are focused on other things. It should matter more, but if a new tax law is going to be passed, people think 'Who cares? It doesn't affect me. I don't have to pay taxes until I graduate.'"

Spencer believes there could be a major shift in how the local community sees JMU students

if more people vote locally. "We'd have a lot of influence in how the city develops because the town is small," he said. "A couple thousand votes could do a lot."

"I'm not a resident here, so it's not really my business," Raich said. "Harrisonburg to a lot of people is just the medium for the college experience."

Through Virginia21, SGA encourages students to vote by attempting to show the benefits and providing a medium for students to vote in elections.

SGA voter turnout in 2006 and 2005 elections were 17 percent, compared to 2004 when they were 13 percent and 2003 when 20 percent of students at JMU voted for SGA offices.

Sophomore Gretchen Swartzbaugh voted in the SGA elections and is active with the Harrisonburg community through her service fraternity. However, she said she is more interested in SGA than Harrisonburg, as far as voting is concerned, and is not registered to vote in the area.

A 2002 survey on cityyouth.com said 42 percent of students in the United States think candidates would rather talk to older, wealthier citizens in order to gain their vote, rather than students.

"What would the Harrisonburg candidates do for me if I voted for them?" Swartzbaugh said in reference to city council elections.

Senior Gina Currence offered a few solutions.

"We need to be made more aware of upcoming elections and the impact we could have on them, whether it's through the JMU Web site, posters around campus, or fliers on the Commons," Currence said. "For example, 'this candidate could help us have more metered parking,' or 'this candidate could help us better organize this or that,' etc."

Wesli Spencer said the SGA has been toying with ideas of putting booths on campus next year to make it easier for students to vote.

Voter registration is closed for the upcoming city council election in May.

Project heralds dangers of Alaskan oil drilling

BY COLLEEN PETTIE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If you saw a polar bear strolling the commons handing out fliers last week, you saw promotion for a project to raise awareness about drilling for oil in Alaska.

Six JMU students hope to increase knowledge among students and the community about the effects of drilling for oil in Alaska.

Not only are these students active in the area, they are also teamed up with the Alaska Wilderness League in Washington, D.C., which is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1993 to further the protection of Alaskan nature and wildlife.

As part of a project for an environmental communications class, the group, led by senior Sean McGrath, prepared to present the film "Being Caribou" in Health and Human Services last Wednesday evening and at Massanutten Library Thursday.

"Being Caribou" is a documentary which attempts to show what drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, as President Bush is planning to do, would destroy.

In the film, newlyweds Karsten Heuer and Leanne Allison followed the annual migration of caribou for seven months from inland Alaska to the Arctic Ocean's shores, where the new

calves are born.

They carried a president doll with them in order to "open his eyes" to the pristine surroundings.

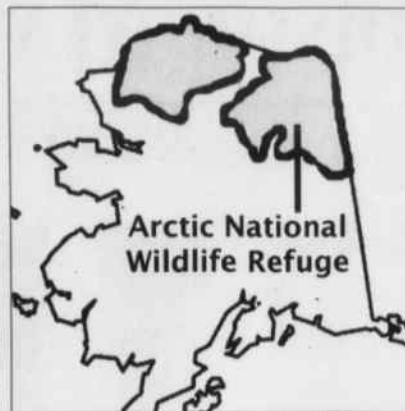
"By showing the film, I want people to understand how dangerous drilling is to the environment and how it affects the economy," McGrath said. "Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a poor option."

"I am personally interested in this issue," McGrath said. He initially became drawn in when he worked for a nonprofit environmental group last summer.

McGrath wants students to write letters to Representative Goodlatte asking him to vote against the provision in the 2007 Budget Resolution that allows drilling in the ANWR.

The debate over drilling there has been going on since the 1980s. The United States uses about 20 million barrels of oil a day, according to CNN.com. Environmentalists argue that only 3.2 billion of the estimated 5.7 to 16 billion barrels of oil underground in ANWR would be refinable.

Group member junior Ashley Bronson said her group decided to do this project because, "It's a hot issue right now, we've heard about it in the news and we're all pretty interested in it."



LAUREN PACK/art director

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ELECTION: Eickel hopes for productive year

ELECTION, from front

"It's like in high school — 'Man we're gonna put a jukebox in the cafeteria if you vote for me,'" Forrester said laughing. "I didn't think anything was relevant to my interests or needs."

He also felt the whole process was nerve-racking.

"I couldn't walk more than a hundred feet without anyone hassling me on Thursday," he said.

Though only a sophomore, which he says was an additional hurdle, Eickel nonetheless feels confident about next year.

"There's so much I'd like to accomplish," Eickel said. "But again, I only have one year. I have an umbrella platform."

Both candidates held a variety of offices in the past. Powell has been involved with SGA for three years and would not say if he would continue next year.

"I'll have to take a step back and see how my senior year

goes," Powell said.

Along with being a senator since 2004, Eickel held both freshman and sophomore class president seats. He said he's learned a lot through his career and campaign.

"I've met a lot of students," he said. "I can recognize people now. That was the greatest thing about it all."

Eickel and Powell have not ruled out seeking higher political offices after graduation.

"I don't think I'm tall enough to be president," Powell said, "but maybe a congressman or senator."

Eickel said he's always joked about the idea of running for president. "It's a possibility, but there's a lot of drama in American politics," he said.

Eickel thinks he would feel more comfortable being a president in an academic community like JMU.

REFUGEES: Stories shared

REFUGEES, from front languages and succeeding in his classes, he was disappointed when he didn't make the basketball team. Social gatherings and Bible study were also difficult. "I am like a poor person among rich children. What can I do among them?" he asked.

Both Dut and Chuor remained determined to contribute something to their homeland. While taking a video course on electricity, Chuor said, "Maybe I'll be the one who brings electricity back to our village."

"I didn't come here for this beautiful house and car, I came here to do something for my people," Dut said.

After the documentary, two former refugees, John Majok and Bul Dut, talked to the audience about their experiences.

"We all have similar stories with differences in the details," said Majok. "We were all forced to leave our homes at a young age, and see things we did not want to see."

Majok recently graduated from the University of Arizona and Dut is currently enrolled at community college in Norfolk. They expressed a similar desire as Dut and Chuor did to give something back to their country.

"We will not let this happen to the future generation of the Sudan," Dut said. While he suffered the loss of his parents and his oldest brother, he is working to earn enough money to reunite with his remaining brothers and sisters.

Majok worked as a congressional intern in 2004 and helped pass the Genocide Act. Both encouraged the audience to write to their congressmen and let them know that it is important to Americans that the terms of the act be fulfilled. "This is the time to do it. We are talking about human life," Majok said.

When asked if he ever planned on returning to the Sudan, Majok replied, "If you go back and you cannot help, it doesn't matter. You go back if you can change and help."



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Jesus Christ was a liar.

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option (and only one): He was and is God, just as he claimed.

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JMU not immune from the town-gown dichotomies destroying Duke



For those of us willing to get out of our little college bubble long enough to watch the evening news, the sordid tale coming out of Duke University is all too familiar. Cocky, loaded white lacrosse players allegedly rape and sodomize a black stripper from the impoverished surrounding community during a party, and all hell breaks loose. The allegations, exacerbated by the shockingly violent e-mail written by one of the players regarding next steps (it involves murdering and skinning the strippers while ejaculating "in my Duke-issue spandex"), has blown the top off the crock pot. In the wake of the accusations, the underlying dichotomy of class, race and education surrounding Duke University has broken to the surface.

As fascinatingly revolting the story may be, we at JMU cannot watch the goings-on in Durham, N.C., from the same detached point of view that we watch "American Idol" or Katie Couric; unlike much of what makes it into the news, the catastrophe at Duke could have happened here.

James Madison University is positioned in a very similar situation to Duke. Racially, our homogenous, pale-faced student body is increasingly at odds with the community. Even more incongruous, however, is the comparative wealth of

the students juxtaposed with the chicken-processing town. JMU is located in the middle of an agricultural and manufacturing area, and admits thousands with 703 area codes. And of course, the educational divide between the school and the town further aggravates the situation.

Making matters worse, however, is the fact that JMU is, in large part, the nerve center for the city of Harrisonburg. Wal-Mart didn't build two SuperCenters within a five-mile radius of the Quad for the farmers and the mountain people. The campus has spread like a cancer throughout the center of Harrisonburg, to the point that we are now exercising eminent domain to take over buildings on Harrisonburg's Main Street. People can't even drive down the only interstate connecting the town to the rest of the world without passing under "James Madison University Boulevard," and the nationally recognized gym that they aren't allowed to use.

Isolated though we may be from the Blue Devil disaster, JMU is not immune to the race, class and educational divides that have flared up following the rape allegations. Though we have thankfully not had such a deplorable incident to push the community to the breaking point, it will be far worse for us if — or when — we do.

Dining room etiquette a lost art in present day

BY TRACI COX
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Ah, the college pursuit of wooing. Despite my plan to take an 18-credit sabbatical from the Pandora's box of baggage we call "dating," my dashing good looks and promising literary merits were undeniable. I was recently obliged to have been asked out by several young men — a few of whom I thought were potentially reputable and that I may have enjoyed fraternizing with — after all, my most intimate relationship this year has been with Chaucer and a frigid Pernier.

The ambience, the mood, the small talk — each date I went on seemed to start off normally. And then the food came. Suddenly I found myself in a Stephen King novel as I sat across the table from whom could be the guy from "American Werewolf in London." As I mercilessly gawked at the carnivorous creature before me, I could not help but think, "where have all our table manners gone?"

It gets worse. Now, I'm not saying that it's inappropriate to show hunger (or severe starvation, as it seemed was my date's problem) or even to make slight intonations of delight while chomping away. But when it gets to the point where you not only have both elbows on your table, your napkin tucked in your shirt and you sound like Frankenstein, there's a problem. I'm not sure if he was raised by a pack of wolves or not, but this lack of respect for me — the person I thought he was trying to impress — and for everyone else within earshot is completely ridiculous.

This is not simply a reflection on college students, males or my awful dates in general. This issue speaks for our entire nation and the overwhelming decline in etiquette and table manners from which we are suffering. Not only is our diet horrendous, the actual method in which

we eat is despicable. What ever happened to the precedent set by our favorite classic TV shows like "Leave it to Beaver?"

While you probably can't call me an expert, I have been eating for quite some time — successfully too. Here are some simple guidelines for all you people who eat a normal meal like you're in the world hot dog-eating contest. First, like the song says, just put it in your mouth. It's not that problematic — actually, it's probably more difficult to miss. If you're really that hungry, you should be paying more attention to where your precious meal is going. Secondly, if you do happen to miss the giant orifice that you have been

Where have all our table manners gone?

shoving God-knows-what into for about 20 years, don't make up for it by salvaging crumbs. They're not that important, and I'm sure your fellow food-mongering friends would let you steal a bite off their plate if you asked nicely. Lastly, don't ever eat off someone else's plate unless invited. I can't tell you how charmed I was as my date proceeded to pick at the debris embedded between his chop- pers and inquired — all while his hand molested my plate — if I wanted the rest of my chips. And just for the record, no, I wasn't finished.

I will never forget the image of his sharp teeth viciously ripping apart his burger, or the arduous process of licking his fingertips in order to pick up the crumbs from the bacteria-infested table. Most deeply seared into my brain would be the nauseating experience of aerodynamic pieces of food that showered the vicinity — and me — as he incessantly gabbed with his mouth full. These dates continue to haunt me as I sit here staring at my untouched sandwich. Next time, I'm wearing a poncho.

Traci Cox is a freshman English major.



E-mail darts and pats to
breezedp@hotmail.com.

Darts & Pats are submitted anonymously and printed on a space-available basis. Submissions are based upon one person's opinion of a given situation, person or event and do not necessarily reflect the truth.

A "thanks-for-brightening-my-week" pat to whoever posted the handwritten note "You are beautiful" above the scale in the women's locker room at UREC.

From a sophomore who appreciates those who understand that not everyone has the body of a supermodel.

A "triple-the-thickness-or-triple-the-quantity" dart to Festival for charging \$1.09 for two paper-thin slivers of bacon.

From a hungry student who loves her pork products but can't stomach paying so much for what wouldn't amount to a half-teaspoon of bacon bits.

A "you-are-what's-wrong-with-America" dart to the uptight daddy's girl who threatened to "slap a lawsuit on someone's butt" for an errant throw of a Frisbee on the Quad.

From a senior guy who relaxes by tossing on the Quad, wonders where the days of peace and free love went, and says you can slap his butt anytime.

A "thanks-for-the-service-with-a-smile" pat to the three Campus Cadets who not only walked me to my car, but scraped the frost off the windows while insisting I sit in the car and stay warm.

From a grateful late-night studying gal who not only values her safety, but your kindness and dedication too.

A "he's-only-held-the-office-since-before-you-were-born" dart to the senior quoted in *The Breeze* who thought that "not a lot of people know who [George Allen] is."

From an alumnus who hopes that this student is not accurate in his observation of the political awareness and involvement of the current student body.

A "way-to-assume-everyone-will-binge-drink-on-their-21st-birthday" dart to Dave's Taverna for not serving my roommate a single drink because she was not 21 years old plus one day.

From a disappointed roommate who was excited to take the birthday kid out at midnight, only to find that Dave's laws were not the same as the Commonwealth of Virginia's.

Zacarias Moussaoui does not deserve to die

BY GARRETT HOOE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

You did it this time, Zacarias Moussaoui. In a display of brilliance only a suicide terrorist could be capable of, you admitted to conspiring with al-Qaeda to hijack airplanes and fly them into our buildings, built and filled by hard-working Americans who would love nothing more than to have a baseball bat and five minutes alone with you.

Like Jim Smith, Smith's wife, Moira, was called up to the front lines that September morning. Her New York Police Department unit was one of the first on the scene to help victims, and she was actually photographed helping a bloody businessman to safety shortly before the south tower collapsed on her and the asthma victim she was treating on the third floor. When one hundred floors of building come down on you, there are no remains. Smith's daughter, only a year old at the time, never got to know her heroic mother.

Or maybe Tony Sansevero, a member of the Fire Department of New York, would like to have a few words with you. His longtime friend and fellow firefighter, Dan Suhr, was rendered

unconscious as he advanced toward the burning towers. After your buddies flew into the towers, the choice of the people trapped above was only one of how they would die. Many chose to jump. One particular person decided that jumping was their only option and landed on Suhr traveling at about 120 miles per hour. After being unconscious for a period of time, Suhr died at a nearby hospital. Sansevero said of witnessing his friend's cause of death that "[You] kind of lose your will to live."

There were other stories too — stories of a Vietnamese immigrant who said coming to the United States to live was one of his greatest gifts, who would ultimately be killed at the Pentagon. A software engineer who had emigrated from India expected to be back in Los Angeles by lunchtime on Sept. 11, 2001, his wife said, but his flight out of Boston ended up in the north tower. Despite the prosecution trying its best to get you off the hook by bungling witness testimony, the judge shoved some common sense

... You could spend all eternity with your 40 virgins. I say we make you wait a while.

and decided that the case should continue. The jury found that you are eligible for the death sentence, but I think that would let you off easy. After all, in your backward view of the Muslim faith you claim to practice, you just may be considered a martyr if you fry in the chair. Then you could spend all eternity with your 40 virgins. I say we make you wait a while.

You deserve a life sentence, Zacarias. As much as Americans want your blood, you declared in the courtroom a week ago that we would never get it. Well, you're right, at least for now. If you believe half of what you say, rotting in an American jail cell would seem to be the worst thing for you. That should give you time to think about missing your opportunity to join Mohammed Atta and the other 18 terrorists on Sept. 11 and how in reality you are a failure even to those who believed in you. Clearly, you were not meant to be blessed by Allah, because you were arrested a month before the attacks. You never completed your "holy mission," in fact, if the FBI had been on their toes, you would have screwed it up for everyone. That thought should gnaw on you during your sure-to-be-pleasant stay at a maximum-security federal prison.

Those virgins should have to wait a couple years.

Garrett Hooe is a senior political science major.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Former SGA member sees need for change

I'd like to thank *The Breeze* for their coverage of the current mess that is the JMU Student Government. As an '05 alumnus who was also a member of SGA for three-and-a-half years and a former minor elections chair, I find it appalling that SGA is no longer willing to step up and be the professional organization that it was when I first came to JMU. For the last two-and-a-half years that I spent in the SGA, I cannot tell you how many meetings we had to adjourn because we didn't have enough people to make quorum. There were no competitive senate elections for the 2003-'04 year, when I was the chairperson. If there's no competition to get a seat, there's no pride or feeling of responsibility as a senator. Threats of kicking people out of the senate because of poor attendance were and still are meaningless, and yet I'm sure the SGA is still complaining and wondering what to do to make quorum and to make people fulfill their commitments. Once SGA starts taking responsibility and making the tough decisions the organization was created to do, then perhaps they'd get more respect from the student body and their own members. What's the point of wasting money and time to even have elections where virtually anyone who applied can get in? It's time for SGA members to stop worrying about themselves and their chances of moving ahead in the organization, and to actually do something that will better JMU. Because as I understood it when I joined SGA, that was the point. Until then, keep up the good work!

Kellie Hanlon
class of 2005

Awareness week highlights global safety threat

This week at JMU, the Mine Action Information

Center (maic.jmu.edu), a world-renowned information clearinghouse on landmines that too few students realize is on campus, will host Landmine Awareness Week to help educate the public about the threat that persistent landmines continue to pose around the world.

The explosive remnants from past wars along with ethnic conflict, insurgent movements and even narco-terrorism, have contributed to this problem, resulting in an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 casualties worldwide — casualties that in many cases occurred long after formal fighting ended. Too many villages, schools, clinics, roads and farmlands are rendered "off limits" due to mines that are dangerous and difficult to remove.

Landmines are an ever-present danger to those who have no choice but to live in communities littered with the debris of war. They block social and economic recovery, preventing humanitarian aid from reaching those who need it most. Many communities do not have the means to deal with the presence of landmines, and survivors of landmine accidents do not receive the medical treatment and rehabilitation services they require.

Why should Americans care? After all, the United States is not mine-affected. Well, homeland security begins with international security and helping countries clean up their landmine problem is not only the right thing to do, it fosters a more secure world for everyone. Communities that are cleared and restored, stay that way. Humanitarian mine action is one of the few success stories in development assistance. This is one problem that can be solved in years, not decades.

Craig Finkelstein
junior international affairs major

Students' help at fair made dentists smile

Every year, the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County Dental Society hosts a Dental Health Fair. It is a nonprof-

it, free event which provides games and information tailored to children and their parents on the subject of dental health. Over 50 dentists and dental auxiliary personnel volunteered while over 540 children and parents attended. The event was a fun time while providing an informative opportunity in dental health education.

A new facet this year worth specific mention was the contribution of 10 JMU pre-dental students. These students volunteered their time that day to assist in running the fair, and their enthusiasm was evident to all. The dentists who took part noted how smoothly many of the activities ran with an extra set of hands. Parents, too, commented on the excellent organization of the fair. But the greatest effect was enhancement of the experience the children received. When the children note that adults of all ages, both men and women, are engaged in dental health, it sends the message that this is worthwhile and important stuff.

The dentists of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County would like to express their thanks to these students for their eagerness to support community endeavors. We encourage them to continue this high level of involvement in years to come.

David M. Kenne
D.D.S., Harrisonburg

Shirt war further divides campus

Unfortunately, it seems our culture has lost the desire for discourse. We attach ourselves so firmly and personally to our beliefs that whenever someone voices any opposition, we immediately go on the defensive. Case in point is the "shirt war." On Monday, one is likely to see red shirts declaring "Conservative? Fine by Me," which is a take-off on the upcoming "Gay? Fine by Me" campaign supporting the homosexual community. At such a time, when someone is saying what they

believe loud and proud, please stay calm and listen. No matter how self-assured you are, there will always be another view to consider, some new blend of right and wrong. Still, we still need to strive for a progress of ideas, something that requires civil, open debate with respect to all sides. Whether we agree with the opposition or not, who are we to judge without seeing the issues from another's eyes? Stubbornness will ruin any thought and breed nothing but ignorance. Regardless of what color shirt someone may have on, resist the urge to scream and shout, show some humility and try and to understand each other before declaring a right and wrong.

Greg Surber
ISAT graduate assistant

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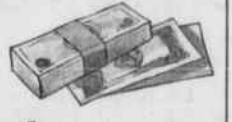
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BY KELLY FISHER
A&E EDITOR



AARON STEWART/senior photographer
Marc Roberge of O.A.R. serenades the overflowing Convocation Center crowd Thursday night at UPB's spring concert.

The jam-packed Convocation Center erupted as O.A.R. took the stage Thursday night at UPB's spring concert. The audience's enthusiasm and energy continued throughout the band's entire two-hour set.

O.A.R., which stands for Of A Revolution, first came to JMU and played at Wilson Hall in 2001, but were met by a much larger audience this time around.

"This is one of the bigger places we're playing on this tour," O.A.R. saxophonist and guitarist Jerry DePizzo said.

Other members of O.A.R. include Marc Roberge on vocals and guitarist Richard On, Chris Culos on drums and Benj Gershman on bass. Michael Paris also joined O.A.R. onstage on keyboard and percussion.

Their current tour, sponsored by Playstation and Major League Baseball, is unlike any of their past tours. Concertgoers had the chance to try out Playstation's new game, "MLB '06: The Show," which was set up in the Convo outside of the gym.

Many longtime O.A.R. fans were happy to hear that O.A.R. would be stopping by JMU on their spring tour.

"I liked them before they got really big," freshman Sean Banks said. "I've always followed them."

The members of the band, who have released seven albums since 1997, have witnessed an evolution of their sound.

"It's been a natural progression," DePizzo said. "Our reggae is more reggae. Our rock is more rock. There's less of a middle ground."

They released their latest studio album, *Stories of a Stranger*, last September.

"Our goal for this CD was to make the quintessential O.A.R. album," DePizzo said. "We wanted to touch all the different areas: rock, ballads, radio songs, jam-out songs."

They seem to have succeeded, having sold out Madison Square Garden in January. Band members remind each other of their amazing experience before every show.

"Our mantra right now is 'Every night M.S.G.,'" DePizzo said. "But we treat every show the same."

Though not Madison Square Garden, JMU showed up in full force Thursday night.

The band Army of Me opened the show at 8 p.m. with a half-hour set which included songs "Perfect," "Still Believe In You" and hit "Going Through Changes," which is featured on the Playstation game "MLB '06: The Show." The Washington, D.C.-based band performed as crowds filed into the Convo in anticipation for O.A.R.

The quasi-local quartet, who has been together since 1999, has slowly gained a following of fans. Signing on to 12 dates with O.A.R.

for their spring 2006 tour will no doubt add to their fan base.

"They were pretty good," junior Sheila Nasser said.

Junior Mike Barchok added, "I like the atmosphere they bring."

As the clock turned to 9 p.m., the Convo lights dimmed and O.A.R. opened their set with "52-50," a song off their newest album, *Stories*. The flashing lights illuminated the Convocation Center and hyped up the crowd. DePizzo's saxophone solo added to the excitement and was a great way to kick off the show.

"It's a wonderful day today!" Roberge yelled out to the audience, and the band transitioned into another upbeat *Stories* song, "Wonderful Day."

After "Darrah Meyod," the band played "Lay Down," which is their latest single, as well as DePizzo's current favorite song to perform.

"It's the perfect blend between island and rock," he said.

Longtime fans were ecstatic to hear old favorites such as "Black Rock," "City On Down" and "I Feel Home," and they sang almost as loud as the band. When they slowed down a bit and played "Heard the World," audience members held up lighters to complete the ambience.

Highlights from their set included an extended version of "Anyway," a cover of U2's "Sunday, Bloody Sunday" and "Love and Memories."

They finished with a crowd favorite, "Hey Girl," which Roberge joked that it was about a girl he used to stalk.

The band came back for an encore with "Dakota," a song about John Lennon, and finally ended the show with a 20-minute version of their classic song, "That Was A Crazy Game of Poker."

"I thought the sax player was amazing," sophomore Brittany Tiplady said of DePizzo.

University of Mary Washington student Mike Mattson said, "This is the seventh O.A.R. show that I've been to. Every time they reinvent themselves."

Their set was a perfect blend of recent songs and old favorites that all fans of the band could appreciate. From "52-50" until the final encore, O.A.R. was accompanied by the lively audience singing along to every word. Although it wasn't Madison Square Garden, O.A.R. showed James Madison one crazy concert.



AARON STEWART/senior photographer
Jerry DePizzo impressed his fans with remarkable saxophone solos.

'MACROCK is an orgy of music'



photos by EVAN DYSON/photo editor, AMY PATERSON/senior photographer and AARON STEWART/senior photographer, photo illustration by LAUREN PACK/art director.

Thousands of band members, music industry professionals and concert-goers flooded Harrisonburg this past weekend to take part in the Mid-Atlantic College Radio Conference.

BY ZACHARY BEARD
STAFF WRITER

Vinnie Caruana is never going to Google Scott Stapp lyrics. Ever. The frontman for I Am The Avalanche shared his encounter with the former Creed star on stage Saturday afternoon at The Pub.

Caruana was less than impressed with Stapp's inflated "rock star" performance and songwriting.

Although Caruana is the first to decry majestic Christ-like poses and all things "butt-rock," he is a strong advocate of the road trip.

"We traveled 35 hours to play here," said Caruana, which means Toledo, Ohio, is either really far away or someone Googled the wrong map directions. Exaggeration aside, many bands make the yearly pilgrimage to the Valley

every year, from places like Oklahoma and Oshkosh.

While Harrisonburg isn't quite the indie rock mecca, the Mid-Atlantic College Radio Conference (MACROCK) has become a big deal. According to Jess Woodward, the 2006 coordinator of the event, MACROCK was started in 1997 by volunteers at the student radio station as a reaction to the increased commercialization of the music industry. The creators wanted to have an event where students at other college stations and all music lovers could be exposed to the independent and under-promoted bands that were coming up, in an environment not tainted by sponsorship and major labels. Now 10 years strong, this year offered over 100 performances, a label expo, panels discussing the issues of media and the independent music scene, a film festival and the potential to catch the next big band.

Past MACROCK alumni include: Thursday, Coheed and Cambria, Elliot Smith, Alkaline Trio, The Get Up Kids, Dillinger Escape Plan and Dashboard Confessional, to name a few.

"MACROCK is an orgy of music," said junior Shane Spitzer. "I can't believe I can go from seeing Mass Movement of the Moth to Gym Class Heroes." To catch these acts, the concertgoer must hopscootch around Harrisonburg for everything from spazz to hip-hop.

Venues were scattered over two days between Godwin Hall, Guzman's, Captain Tee's, The Little Grill, The Pub and Court Square Theater.

Spitzer plays bass in Never Ending Story, a local band from Broadway. He hopes that his band can play a future MACROCK event.

That hope is what MACROCK inspires; that inde-

pendent music can come together and have a chance.

CEERIUS is a promotions company based in Virginia Beach that supports the independent scene. Their company, along with a few dozen others, was at the label expo. CEERIUS just released a clothing line, but they are much more than that.

"We sponsor bands and act as their family. Anything they need we take care of for them. We are home to five bands who we sponsor," said CEERIUS representative Windsor Lovette, claiming that MACROCK is, on the local level, by far the biggest event of the year for the company.

It also may be the most unique. The event managed to bring out the esoteric emo via keytar — in

see MACROCK, page 10

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Dukes no-hit on Friday; bounce back with win

BOSTON — The JMU men's baseball team split the first two games of their series with Northeastern.

The series featured some great starting pitching with the Huskies getting a complete-game, no-hitter in the first game from junior right-hander Adam Ottavino. He struck out 14, while walking three to get the 2-0 win for the

Huskies.

Ottavino's outing overshadowed another solid effort from senior left-hander Greg Nesbitt.

Nesbitt pitched a complete game, scattering six hits and striking out eight while getting stuck with the loss.

The Huskies got a home run and a triple from senior shortstop Arman Sidhu, lead-

ing to both Northeastern runs as he went 2 for 3 with an RBI and a run scored.

In Saturday's game, it was JMU junior right-hander Travis Miller turn to shine as he threw eight shutout innings, allowing three hits and striking out 10 for the 5-0 win. Junior left-hander Jacob Cook pitched the ninth, getting two strikeouts to end the game for the Diamond Dukes.

Junior Dave Pellegrine took the tough-luck loss for the Huskies, as his defense committed three errors, leading to all five runs being unearned for the Diamond

Dukes.

Offensively, junior right fielder Mitchell Moses went 2

for 3 with two runs scored and an RBI and sophomore left fielder Joe Lake went 2 for 4 with two RBIs.

Sunday's rubber game featured yet another pitcher's duel as JMU's sophomore right-hander Ryan Reid

opposed sophomore Kris Dabrowiecki.

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Dave Pellegrine, Jeff Thomson (8) and Dan Milano; Travis Miller, Jacob Cook (9) and Dan Santobianco.

W — Miller, L — Pellegrine.

2B — (JMU) Schill.

Records: NU (13-11, 8-3), JMU (21-12, 10-4).

— from staff reports



AMY PATERSON/senior photographer

The JMU women's tennis team beat Longwood 5-2 in a home match yesterday.

Tennis serves Longwood 5-2

BY CAROLINE MORRIS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The JMU women's tennis team had a lot to celebrate yesterday. Aside from presenting graduating seniors Kristin Nordstrom and Ashley Reyher with roses and then showering them in silly string, the Dukes beat the Longwood Lancers at Hillside Courts, 5-2.

"This was one of the matches that, as a team, in the spring we designated as a tough match that we wanted to focus on," JMU coach Maria Malerba said. "We did that because it was a tough match last year."

The strategy appears to have worked. The Dukes won two of the three doubles matches. Nordstrom and junior Mary Napier trounced Longwood's Romana Bucur and Lexi Torrice, 8-1.

Freshman Anna Koor and junior Lauren Graham had a lengthy battle against Longwood's Elena Triebkorn and Jessica Farr. As the Lancers pair began to tire, Koor and Graham showed their stamina, winning 8-6.

"We started off strong but made stupid mistakes like going for it too much," Koor said. "We just had to play steadily, which we did and won in the end."

Koor also emerged victorious for the second time on the day with a 6-4, 6-4 win over third-seeded Ashley Melson.

"I had to get used to her play," Koor said. "She'd just hit everything back. I just did it point by point and won five games in a row."

Nordstrom also had a multiple-win day, as she faced Longwood's Bucur again in singles. Nordstrom clinched the top-seed victory in two sets, 6-2, 6-3.

"In the fall, [Nordstrom] played in the tournament and lost to her," Malerba said. "She just controlled the match today."

Nordstrom's doubles partner, Napier, who played in the second match, didn't have the same luck and seemed frustrated losing in straight sets, 0-6, 0-6.

On the other end of the courts, it was the Lancers who were showing signs of frustration. Graham won her fifth-seed match over sophomore Britany Huddleston 6-2, 6-2. Junior Catherine Phillips also came away victorious, beating Farr 6-3, 6-4.

Senior Ashley Reyher and freshman Barrett Donner lost their doubles match to the Lancers 8-4. Reyher also yielded to Torrice in her fourth-seed singles match, losing 6-3, 6-1.

"They have amazing depth," Malerba said. "It's a good match; you don't know who's going to win."

Dukes fall to Tribe

JMU shutout in second half, loses 12-6 to W&M

BY JAMES IRWIN
SENIOR WRITER

In a game with major conference tournament implications, William & Mary marched into JMU Lacrosse Complex and used a relentless attack to kick JMU right out of the driver's seat in the Colonial Athletic Association.

Tribe midfielder Emily Vitano scored six goals and goalkeeper Debby Petraca held the Dukes scoreless over the last 33:07 to lift William & Mary to a 12-0 win Sunday afternoon and catapult the Tribe into a three-way tie atop the conference standings.

With the win, William & Mary (8-4 overall, 3-1 CAA) joins JMU (8-4, 3-1) and Towson (6-5, 3-1) at the top of the CAA. The Tigers beat the Tribe 13-11 last week and if the season were to end today Towson would own the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament. William & Mary would be No. 2 and the Dukes, who started the day all

alone in first place, would be the third seed. JMU plays at Towson Friday.

"We need to remember how we played today," JMU coach Kelly Young said. "We've got a tough stretch coming up leading into the tournament and we're the team that has to make a change."

That change has to come on offense. For only the second time this season, the Dukes turned the ball over more times than their opponent. They had trouble all day moving the ball through the mid-field and struggled to place good shots on Petraca.

"We just threw the ball away," Young said. "You can't get a groundball and then chuck it up the sideline and our shot selection was poor. We just hit her every time. We had our chances."

The game had all the early billings of a shoot-out as the Dukes and Tribe traded goals for the first 30 minutes. JMU took an early 2-1 lead on junior attacker Maria Bosica's goal, then watched William & Mary take a 4-2 advantage before rebounding to tie the game at 5-5 with 8:25 left in the first half. In a physical opening period, the Tribe took an 8-6 lead into the intermission.

"We knew they were a feisty team," Bosica said. "There were a lot of yellow cards. It was pretty intense."



William & Mary's intensity manifested itself in the form of good defense in the second half. The Dukes came out firing and had good looks at the net but time and time again, Petraca was equal to the task.

"To hold them scoreless in the

second half was extremely surprising," William & Mary coach Tara Brown said. "We came out defensively, ready to slide on challenges and we limited the possibilities. I was shocked."

But Brown wasn't nearly as shocked as JMU's high-octane

offense. The Dukes entered play averaging better than 13 goals per game and riding a three-game winning streak. JMU received multi-goal games from Bosica and junior attacker Kelly Berger

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CAROLYN
WALSER/
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Freshman
midfielder
Kim Griffin
advances
the ball up
the field for
the JMU
lacrosse
team.
Yesterday's
loss
dropped the
Dukes into
a three-way
tie for first
place in the
Colonial
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Experience leads Madison

Key players on offense return from last year's team

BY WHITNEY PROFFITT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The JMU football team, coming off a 7-4 season, began spring practice Thursday and started preparing for Fall 2006.

"We're good on offense and defense, and we're coming together as a team," rising senior quarterback Justin Rascati said. "We get better every day. I feel really good about this team; I think we have the talent to win the conference, and the ultimate goal is to win the national championship."

Rising senior offensive guard Mike Parham, who transferred from Virgin-

ia Tech last year, said, "It's an opportunity to put the pads back on and win positions and figure out our chemistry for the fall."

Redshirt freshmen will be looking to win a lot of those positions.

"They've been working hard and they're really hungry," Parham said. "We don't take it easy on them, so we've gotten to see them grow mentally and physically."

The Dukes lost a big target over the middle with tight end Casime Harris (6'3, 250 pounds) graduating. Redshirt freshman tight end J.D. Skolnitsky (6'5, 235 pounds) is one of a handful of candidates looking to earn the start along with redshirt freshman Mike Caussin.

In 2006, the Dukes will have 37 lettermen and 13 starters returning, many of who were All-Atlantic 10 honorees last season.

"The returning starters play a big role," Rascati said. "You're always more comfortable with guys who have

been out there and played before."

Offensive returnees include rising seniors tailback Alvin Banks, wide receiver Ardon Bransford, offensive tackle Corey Davis and junior wide receiver L.C. Baker.

Banks went over the 2,000-yard mark for his career last year, placing him fourth on JMU's all-time rushing list.

Rascati, who ranks fifth on JMU's all-time passing list and sixth on its career total offense list, finished 2005 having thrown for 3,864 yards and a compiled 4,448 yards of total offense since transferring from Louisville two years ago. He has completed 67.2 percent of his JMU passes, which is a school record.

The defense will see the return of rising seniors like linebacker Akeem Jordan, safety Phil Minafield and defensive end Kevin Winston, along with rising juniors in linebacker Justin

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Rising senior quarterback Justin Rascati passes during spring practice. Rascati is one of several core Dukes returning on offense for JMU next season.

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LAX: No.1 up for grabs

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but couldn't mount a scoring run in the second half.

And as Petracca continued to stonewall JMU's offense, Vitrano slowly extended the Tribe lead with a goal and two assists in the second half to put the game away for good.

"She got the opportunities and finished," Brown said of Vitrano. "This was a team attack and we came off good movement. This was a big win for us."

Across the field, the attention turned to contemplation.

"We need to take today and learn from it," Bosica said. "We've still got four games to go. We'll see them again."

SPRING: Sneak Peek

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Barnes and free safety Tony LeZotte.

LeZotte was last year's A-10 Defensive Player of the Year and he was a first-team selection to five All-America teams. Last season, he led JMU in tackles for the second-consecutive year, taking part in 95 stops.

"I feel really good about having a lot of returning starters," Parham said. "We teach and play at the same time bringing the other guys up to par."

Coach Mickey Matthews is returning for his eighth season and recently enlisted the help of new assistant coach Chris Weisman, who spent 2005 working with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"We're really excited. He came highly recommended,"

Matthews said. "As a head coach, you are always looking for guys who can bring new ideas to your program, and Chris could do that for us."

Weisman will take over as the wide receivers' coach to fill the hole created by the loss of JMU's former assistant head coach Curt Newsome, who became the offensive line coach at Virginia Tech. Defensive coordinator George Barlow was promoted to Newsome's old post and Phil Ratliff (tight ends coach) will be taking over offensive line coaching duties.

On the recruiting front, Matthews signed 24 new players.

"It's the biggest and fastest group we've ever signed," Matthews said. "And that's always a good thing."

The new recruits will not join the team in practice until August.

The Dukes will spend the next several weeks practicing four times a week and preparing for their spring game April 22.

JMU opens its 2006 fall season at home September 2nd against Bloomsburg of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference before heading to Boone, N.C., to face 2005's Division I-AA National Champion Appalachian State.

MACROCK: Indie bands rock the Valley

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an '80s Scandinavian synth-pop opera kind of way.

The Richmond trio Rah Brahs revived the crowd at Guzman's with the virtuosity of the keytar, played by bassist Dave Nesmith (think an operatic Postal Service on speed).

"Everyone was standing around, not knowing what to expect," said sophomore Andy Anderson. Anderson was on his way to Godwin to catch the metal showcase when he turned to hear the shredding synthesizers.

Many concertgoers meet the full-out energy of the bands with a wallflower-caught-in-the-moshpit mentality. But many bands such as The Walkmen and the metal outfit All Else Failed didn't disappoint.

The aforementioned alternative hip-hop group Gym Class Heroes, fresh off a video shoot and Warped Tour appearance last year, didn't let their increasing notoriety take away from the intimate music experience, which is ultimately what the shows are about.

Woodward said describing the actual feeling of camaraderie is difficult. Although it's "the largest independent music conference on the East Coast," it still remains a close-knit network of organizations and bands.

For the true experience of MACROCK, don't ask and certainly don't Google, but partake in the two-day insanity next April.

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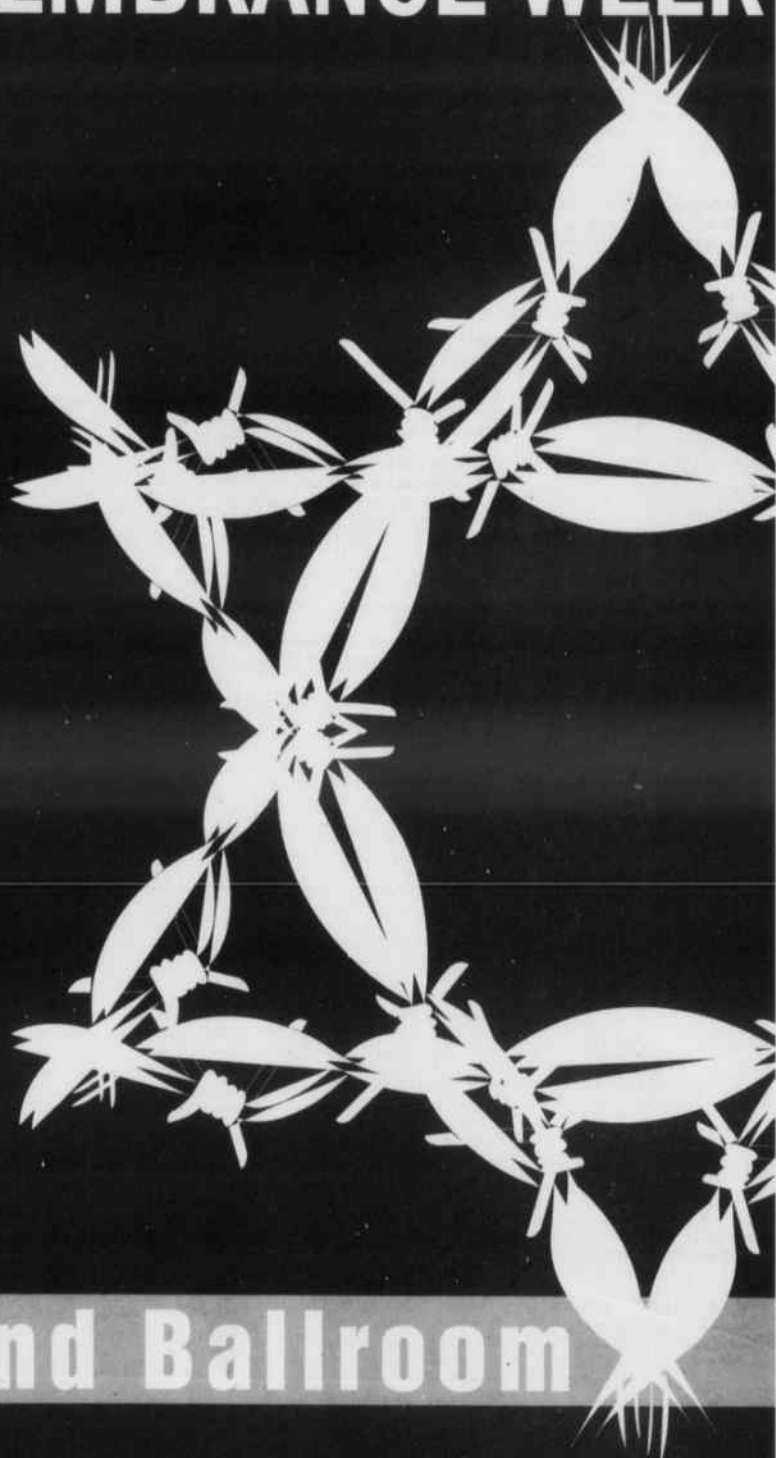
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